

REMARKS

The purpose of this Supplemental Response is to supplement the remarks found in the original response filed June 16, 2005 relating to the Wimsatt and Walker et al. references.

Claims 27, 29, and 32 were rejected under 35 USC 102(a) as being anticipated by Wimsatt (US Publication No. 2004/026040, and various other claims were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over references including either Wimsatt or Walker et al. (US Publication No. 2004/0249711 A1). Both Wimsatt and Walker et al. claimed the benefit of provisional applications, and it was indicated in the prior response that the provisionals were not available, and that if they became available and contained matter that affected the patentability of the present application, declarations swearing behind these references would be provided.

The provisional applications have now been obtained. However, no declarations need be provided for reasons already provided in the prior response. Namely, claim 27 has been amended to include the limitation of a single electrical signal trunk connected between the controller and the interface units, with each of the interface units connected to the single electrical trunk; and in Wimsatt, each of the interface units are connected via a separate trunk to the controller.

With respect to the 35 USC 103(a) rejections, neither Wimsatt, Walker et al., nor any of the other references cited disclose the claim 1 and claim 27 limitations of an electrical signal trunk connected to the controller, with each of the user interface units and each of the power drivers connected to the electrical signal trunk. The prior response also includes other reasons why specific claims are patentable.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the application, including claims 1 – 31, is in condition for allowance, and favorable action is respectfully requested. It is believed no fees are due. If any fee is seen to be required, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-1848.

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